

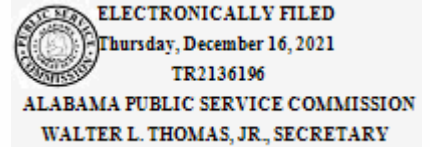
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## VIA HAND DELIVERY

Walter L. Thomas, Jr., Secretary  
Alabama Public Service Commission  
RSA Union Building  
100 North Union Street  
Montgomery, AL 36104

**Re: Union Springs Telephone Company  
Subscriber Services Tariff  
Docket No. : \_\_\_\_\_**

Dear Mr. Thomas:

Attached hereto for electronic filing with the Alabama Public Service Commission ("the Commission") are the following revised General Subscriber Services Tariff pages for Union Springs Telephone Company.: First Revised Sheet 7 and First Revised Sheet 8 of Section 2.

The revisions update the provisions concerning the most current credits applicable to Lifeline subscribers established by the Federal Communications Commission.

The changes have a requested effective date of December 1, 2021. The original and one copy of these revisions will be hand-delivered to the Commission today.

As always, thank you in advance for your courtesies in this matter. Please direct any questions regarding the revisions to my office.

Very Truly Yours,

WILKERSON & BRYAN, P.C.

  
Kristen M. Beavers

Enclosure

cc: Ray Wasden

# GENERAL SUBSCRIBER SERVICES TARIFF

UNION SPRINGS TELEPHONE COMPANY

Section 2  
First Revised Sheet 7

## S2. BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

### S2.8 LIFELINE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (Cont'd)

#### C. Rates and Charges

##### 1. Voice Telephone Service

One of the following monthly credits will apply for each customer eligible for Lifeline Assistance:

	Monthly Credit
• Broadband Federal Credit	\$ 9.25
• Voice Federal Credit	\$5.25

\* The maximum Lifeline Assistance credit available to Alabama customers is \$9.25 per month.

Credit amount will not exceed the basic charge for local telephone service, which includes the Subscriber Line Charge, access line and local usage.

Pursuant to FCC Rules 47 C.F.R. Section 54.403, stand-alone voice telephone Lifeline support or voice service with broadband below the minimum standards set forth in Section 54.408 of the FCC Rules will be phased out as described below:

- (i) Beginning 12/1/2019 - the support amount will be \$7.25 per month.
- (ii) Beginning 12/1/2020 - the support amount will be \$5.25 per month.
- (iii) Beginning 12/1/2021 - the support amount will be \$0.00. (See Note 1)

Note 1: The FCC found that the creation of the Emergency Benefit Broadband Program ("EBB Program"), the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, and new data collected as part of the Bureau's State of the Lifeline Marketplace Report (Marketplace Report) provide good cause for the Bureau to pause both the phase-out in support for voice-only services and the increase in minimum service standards for mobile broadband data capacity. This pause will last for one year, until December 1, 2022, to give the Commission time to evaluate whether the changed circumstances noted above warrant longer-term modifications of the Lifeline program.

Issue Date: November 5, 2021  
Issued By: Ray Wasden  
Title: General Manager

Effective Date: December 1, 2021  
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# GENERAL SUBSCRIBER SERVICES TARIFF

UNION SPRINGS TELEPHONE COMPANY

Section 2  
First Revised Sheet 8

## S2. BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

### S2.8 LIFELINE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (Cont'd)

#### C. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

##### 1. Voice Telephone Service (Cont'd)

###### Note 1: (Cont'd)

The support amount for standalone voice service, or voice service not bundled with broadband which meets the minimum standards set forth in Section 54.408, provided by a provider in a census block will remain at \$5.25.

##### 2. Broadband Service

- a. The following monthly credit will apply for each customer eligible for Lifeline. Assistance who chooses to apply its Lifeline Assistance to broadband service.

	Monthly Credit
• Broadband Federal Credit	\$ 9.25

- b. Credit amount will not exceed the basic charge for broadband.

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